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UPCOMING DATES

April 16: Easter
April 22: Earth Day
April 28: Arbor Day
May 05: Cinco de Mayo
May 08: Final Exams begin
May 12: Final Exams end
May 13: Commencement
May 16: Grades due

Letter from the EDITOR

Honors Program,

The end of a very, very busy academic year is fast approaching. While you all are struggling to study for finals and wrap up projects, I hope you find time to rest and enjoy the time you still have here. The end of the year means several things for us. First and foremost, it means saying farewell to our current Honors seniors, which is always a difficult thing to do. We made an attempt to honor some of them last month with our section on their plans for the future, and I wish them the best in all of those endeavors. Turning an eye to the future, however, we also get to look forward to an incoming group of freshmen. We've included information on fifteen of the twenty-five within this very issue, so I hope you'll take the time to look over that and see what those freshmen will be coming here to study so that you can prepare to make connections and welcome them into our family. With this last issue of the year, I hope you all do well on your final exams and have a wonderful summer! We'll see you on the other side in August!

Jonathan Dean
Editor-in-Chief

BIRTHDAYS

April 01: Taelor McMillin (19)
April 03: Kayly Coleman (19)
April 04: Taylor Saunders (20)
April 17: Taylor Dyer (24)
April 20: Hannah Mabry (23)
April 24: Matt Hezseltine (22)
April 24: Alexandra Holmes (19)
May 08: Andrew Perrin (22)
May 08: Courtney Moore (20)
May 08: Taryn Syck (19)
May 09: Sarah Eades (22)
May 10: Blaine Roberts (22)
May 11: Amina Anwar (19)
May 12: Abby Jones (20)
May 16: Lin Huang (20)
May 22: Rachel Hudson (20)
May 23: Max Prowant (21)
May 24: Scout Odom (23)
May 26: Jessi Eskridge (20)
May 29: Jonathan Dean (21)
May 29: Binamrata Sharma (20)



FINAL SCHEDULE

Final Exam Time	Monday 5/08/17	Tuesday 5/09/17	Wednesday 5/10/17	Thursday 5/11/17	Friday 5/12/17
8:00am - 10:00am	8:00am MWF Classes	9:30am TTh Classes	9:00am MWF Classes	8:00am TTh Classes	10:00am MWF Classes
10:15am - 12:15pm	11:00am MWF Classes	12:30pm TTh Classes	12:00pm MWF Classes	11:00am TTh Classes	1:00pm MWF Classes
12:45pm - 2:45pm	2:00pm MWF Classes				
3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm MWF Classes	3:30pm TTh Classes	4:00pm MWF Classes	2:00pm TTh Classes	
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Classes meeting at 5pm or later on Monday evenings	Classes meeting at 5pm or later on Tuesday evenings	Classes meeting at 5pm or later on Wednesday evenings	Classes meeting at 5pm or later on Thursday evenings	

ON this DAY

April 25, 799: Pope Leo III flees Rome after being tortured and disfigured by its citizens, seeking protection in the Frankish courts of Charlemagne

April 25, 1644: The Chongzhen Emperor (Zhu Youjian) commits suicide amidst Li Zicheng's peasant revolution, ending the Ming Dynasty

April 25, 1792: Nicolas J. Pelletier, a highwayman, becomes the first person to be executed via guillotine
April 25, 1862: Union forces capture New Orleans from the Confederate States of America

April 25, 1882: French commandant Henri Rivière seizes the citadel of Hanoi, leading to French and Vietnamese troops clashing in the Tonkin Campaign

April 25, 1915: The Battle of Gallipoli begins in Turkey when British, French, Indian, Australian, and New Zealander forces land at Anzac Cove & Cape Helles

April 25, 1945: German troops withdraw from northern Italy and Finland, leading to the capture of Benito Mussolini and the end of the Lapland War, respectively

April 25, 1954: The first practical solar cell is demonstrated

April 25, 1982: Israel withdraws from the Sinai Peninsula as per the Camp David Accords

Undergraduate Research

Harrison Fouch

Madison Wallace is a sophomore in the strategic communications program. She is currently working with Dr. Morgan Getchell on her research, entitled "The Journey of Planning to Implementing: Reestablishing the Eta Epsilon chapter of Lambda Pi Eta." Her research is in regard to Lambda Pi Eta, a highly selective communications honor society, and how exactly the Eta Epsilon chapter was reestablished – specifically how public relations and event planning helped in this reestablishment.

Max Prowant is currently working on research regarding democratic transitions in the Middle East, with specific focus on why they have failed to establish stable and liberal regimes. The project seeks to focus on Egypt and Iraq in particular, while building on the work of political scientist Fareed Zakaria, who famously argued that liberalism and the mores that support it are the necessary prerequisites to rule of the majority. This project is a smaller portion of a larger work which will seek to explore the cultural roots of liberalism and apply the work to the Arab world's "democracy deficit."

Conferences

On Wednesday, April 26, many Honors students will be presenting at the annual Celebration of Student Scholarship. Below, you'll find the students and their presentation titles. Be sure to wish them luck!

Max Prowant – Secular Education and the Rise of Egyptian Nationalism and The Rise of Illiberal Democracy in the Middle East: A Zakarian Analysis of Failed Attempts at Democratization in Iraq and Egypt and Canada and the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Economic Implications and Geopolitical Advantages

Tyler Syck – Educating a Civilization: Religious Education in Twentieth-Century Saudi Arabia and The Dialectical Chief Executive: How the Jefferson-Hamilton Debate Shaped the Modern Presidency and Canada's Middle East Policy: From Military to Humanitarian Engagement

Morgan Bauer – How Could the Presence of Theatre Arts in a Military Community Benefit the Mental and Emotional Health of Military Families?

Gloria Yehilevsky – Perspectives on Guided Improvisation

Gregory Bryan – Evaluating Impact: Determining the Best Mechanism for Serving Our Region's Legal Needs

Henry Quillen – Philosophy and Political Founding in Plato's Laws

Jonathan Dean – Factors of Europeanization and Westernization in Turkey in the Twentieth Century

Kevin Brashear – Analysis of Globe at Night Data: 2006–2015

Zoe Becerra – Fourier Analysis Applied to Driving Behavior

Stephen Nash – Hyperglycemia-Induced Angiogenesis

Amina Anwar, Sydney Cook, Elizabeth Von Mann, and Cailin Wile – The Semantic Awakening: An Anthology of Translations

Jeffrey Couch – Developing Translational Skills



Jessica Hall – Helping Non-Native Speakers Adjust to the English-Language Classroom

Madison Wallace – The Journey of Planning to Implementing: Reestablishing the Eta Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta

Natalie Young – The Effect of Dog Training on Dog Adoption Zachary Coats – Analysis of Gunpowder Mill Explosions in the United States from 1800–1865

Taryn Syck – Young Writers in Eastern Kentucky

Erin Long – Analyzing Plays and Collecting Monologues: Teaching Theatre to High School Students

Andrew Blevins – Corporate Social Responsibility Rating Agencies: Comparing Rankings, Methodologies, and Philosophies

Bailee Pennington – Roadmap to a PhD: Navigating the Application Process

Nathan Blevins – Nonprofit Leadership Education in Appalachian Universities

Abby Jones – Thyroid Hormone Receptor Expression in the Developing Retina of *Xenopus laevis*

Anna Knox – Characterizing the Microglial Response in *Xenopus laevis* After Spinal Cord Injury

Hannah Conley and Rachel Brown – The Use of eDNA to Detect Bacteria Molecular Markers in the Triplett Creek Watershed

Holly Ann Ward – Developmental Expression of Lin28 in *Xenopus laevis* Hindbrain

Jessi Eskridge – Assembling a Neuroanatomical Atlas of *Xenopus laevis* Central Nervous System

Maggie Pollitt – Assessment of the Influence of Hoxd10 on the Regeneration of Spinal Cord in *Xenopus laevis*

Rachel Brown – The Papilionoidea (True Butterflies) of Rowan County: A Biodiversity Meta-Analysis

Allie Hull – Dietary Supplement Attitudes and Behaviors in the Personal Training Profession

Saralyn Miller and Natalie Morton – Improved Patient Outcomes Through Timely Responses to Alarms

Rachel Hudson – Withdrawal from Chronic Morphine Impairs Learning and Motivation

Zoe Becerra – The Influence of Scale Characteristics on the Latency to Make a Rating

SENIOR FEATURE

As this year's class of seniors prepares to graduate, it's important to take a moment to reflect on what they've contributed to our Honors Program. One such senior, Zoe Becerra, has become important in a lot of our lives due to her work as RA of the newly-established Honors living/learning community that was set up in Fields Hall beginning in the fall of 2014. Through this role, Zoe served as a community leader, a mentor, and a close friend to many of us – it wouldn't be a stretch to say that her work helped make the initial community successful and has allowed us to continue to help it grow. I asked Zoe to give a brief statement on her experience with that work and with the Honors Program, and that statement is below. Thanks again for all of your help and guidance in your time here at Morehead! (Jonathan Dean)

"Starting my freshman year, I became heavily involved with the honors program because, well, this program is the reason I was able to attend college. This program has given me more opportunities than I could have imagined and I wanted to show my gratitude in every way possible. I was lucky to be part of the development of the honors living learning community. As the RA over this community for two and a half years, I watched each incoming class of honors students bond over their transition into college, the stress of exams, and the entrapment of snow storms. Each class that has lived in this community is so much closer than my class has ever been and I'm envious of the honors classes below me. This position did not always make things easy to balance. There were many stressful days, even weeks, but they were far exceeded by great memories of late night escapades to Walmart, trekking through the snow for Mexican food, being trapped in Fields for a week and surviving off of hot chocolate and movies, and so much more. I never imagined gaining some of these experiences being in such a small town with little to do, but that just simply meant we had to be more creative with our free time.

The only way to make these experiences is to say yes to new things, say yes to the things that scare you the most, say yes to coffee even if you don't like it and say yes to any cooking lesson that Dr. Krummrich or Dr. Taylor offers. I've learned just as much outside of the classroom from my peers and the faculty members that are involved in this program. Go to any of the events that you can that the program offers. Go to the round tables and the Thanksgiving dinners and the Halloween party. Stay up late and have discussions with your peers or watch movies or play games. These are the experiences you'll think back on and remember. You will never regret going and having a good time, but you will regret missing out.

My only other advice is to not give up on those dreams that seem out of reach. I'm extremely guilty of thinking far too practical and letting go of the dreams that I've had since I was 10. It's easy to give these things up to focus on what is going to help you get your career, but these passions are what keep us driven to attain our highest goals. College completely drains you at times and you must have an outlet that refreshes you. Surround yourself with people who inspire you to go after the impossible and keep you strong through the hard times and don't be afraid to let go of the people that don't. As you get older, and I know I'm still very young, you realize that people aren't always meant to stay in your life. Sometimes people come into our lives and vanish in the blink of an eye. Our life is not one continuous story, it is broken into chapters and that's important to remember in times of change; just because a chapter ends doesn't mean the story is over, it means there is now the chance for another

Honors Events



AHSA will be hosting the pre-finals Puppy Playtime event on **May 4** from 10:00 – 2:00 on the Fields Hall lawn. Five to six dogs will be present to pet and play with, all for free, with the option to donate in order to receive a small treat bag to share with the dogs. All proceeds will go directly to the animal shelter, with the goal of covering the adoption fees of whichever dog has been at the shelter the longest – making him or her free to a good home. Be sure to stop by and spend some time with the dogs!

AHSA will also be hosting a "marathon" reading event at the Honors House on **Thursday, April 27**, beginning at 6:00. Copies of Plato's Symposium will be made available to all those in attendance who wish to participate. The entire work will be read aloud, trading off so that no one's voice suffers lasting damage. Refreshments will be provided, and a donation of \$1 per page has been pledged – with proceeds going to AHSA.

Freshmen Feature

With the end of the year approaching, we'll soon be joined at Morehead by a new group of freshmen Honors students. As they accepted their scholarships, we asked these upcoming freshmen to let us know a bit about them. Below, you'll find fifteen of the twenty-five new students coming in next year.

Bethany Allen will major in Agriculture Education and/or Agriculture Business. She enjoys farming, dancing, reading, shopping, and traveling, and has done ballet for almost eight years.

John Bakke will major in Exercise Science. He enjoys playing baseball, watching sports, and fishing, and has signed on to play basketball at Morehead.

Cali Clark will major in Neuroscience. She enjoys cheerleading, track and field, reading, and anything outdoors, and does CrossFit.

Daria Denysenko will major in Music. She enjoys singing and playing the piano, and has been singing on-stage since she was four years old.

Cody Evans will be majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy. He enjoys politics, fishing, and hunting, and spent a week in Washington, D.C. at the NRA's headquarters.

Joshua Griffith will major in Biology (Pre-Dentistry). He enjoys hunting, fishing, and anything to do with the outdoors, and likes to cook.

Brianna Haynes will major in Pre-Pharmacy. She likes to play trombone and ukulele, bake cupcakes, and travel to new places, and her middle name (Page) comes from Jimmy Page, the guitarist of Led Zeppelin.

Gayle Hereford will double major in Biology (Pre-Med) and Mathematics. She is an avid reader, coffee drinker, and blogger, and her goal for 2017 has been to read eighty books.

Amanda Mapes will major in Biology (Pre-Med). She enjoys camping, hiking, and lying in her hammock, and has been riding horses since she was a child. She also participated in her high school's spring musical every year, and, when she was little, was fond of the book *Because of Winn-Dixie* because she pictured a really cute dog whenever she read it.

Victoria Nash will major in English. She enjoys coffee shops, writing letters, and running, and is very fond of golf despite not playing it herself.

Gabe O'Hara will major in Biology (Pre-Med). He enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, soccer, running, ping pong, and kayaking, and loves mowing the grass.

Parker Poulos will major in Astrophysics. She likes singing, hiking, and reading in his hammock, and makes bath bombs.

Allie Skaggs will major in Pre-Engineering. She enjoys playing trumpet, gardening, baking, fishing, and reading, and has been aunt since she was two years old – her brother is eighteen years older than her.

Austin Spradlin will major in Veterinary Science. He enjoys spending time outdoors, riding horses, and farming, and his birthday is on Halloween.

Jacob Tackett will major in Music Education. He enjoys poetry and music, and plays the trumpet.

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